

STATEWIDE RFA TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CALLS  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 7, 2018  
Time: 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm  
Location: Conference Call  
Call-In: 877-873-8017 Code: 5396369

County TA Questions	CDSS Response	Action Item
1) Does the annual training requirement still apply if the Resource Family (RF) goes on Inactive Status?	No, <b>however</b> , please refer to <a href="#">Written Directives</a> , Version 5 (WD/5), Section 10-02(c) that requires the County to conduct an approval update pursuant to Section 9-02 in order to end the inactive status.	None.
2) Can a Resource Family on inactive status still take an emergency placement?	Yes, if a child or non-minor dependent (NMD) is placed on an emergency basis, pursuant to <a href="#">Welfare and Institutions Code (W&amp;IC) 309</a> or <a href="#">W&amp;IC 361.45</a> , the county must initiate a home environment assessment pursuant to Section 6-02 within 5 calendar days and complete an annual update pursuant to Section 9-02 within 30 calendar days, unless good cause exists.	None.
3) Can CPR/First Aid training hours be used to satisfy the annual training hour requirement?	No, the CPR/First Aid certification is separate from the annual training hours.	None.
4) We are aware that an applicant who is going to be denied by an FFA, is planning to apply with the County to become a Resource Family. Do we still need to assess the family?	Yes, the applicant has the right to be assessed. If the FFA has denied the family, that denial can be taken into consideration during the approval process with the county. If the applicant has already applied with the county and during that time been denied by the FFA, the county may cease review of the application according to WD/5, Section 5-03B(k).	None.
5) Are we required to assess bio parents whose parental rights have been terminated?	These parents have the right to apply to the RFA program and go through the process. However, it is a county placement decision if they choose to place with the parents and if they are approved, and the county places the biological child, the applicant would not be eligible to receive Title IV-E funding.	None.

### Updates:

- Written Directives, Version 5 ([WD/5](#)) was released February 6, 2018, with an immediate effective date. This is a change from previous releases in which the effective date was 30 days' post release. Substantive changes are highlighted in gray. The following is a list of significant changes; however, please be aware that this is not an exhaustive list and all RFA staff are encouraged to read the WDs in their entirety to gain full comprehension of any and all changes detailed in WD/5.
  - Application Requirements-Applicant
    - TB screen/test requirement eliminated
    - Provision for applicant self-certification of physical health
    - CPR/1<sup>st</sup> Aid requirement moved to 90 days' post approval
  - Re-naming of Psychosocial Assessment to Family Evaluation (Section 6-05)
    - Change of minimum number of interviews from 3 to 2
    - Changes to scope of family evaluation assessment
  - Inactive Status (Section 10-02)
  - Clarification and changes to bedroom sharing (Section 11-01)
- [Assembly Bill \(AB\) 404](#) (effective 1/1/18) contained language that provides for portability of RFA **approvals** between county and foster family agencies (FFA). An All County Letter (ACL) is currently being drafted that will contain technical assistance on the implementation of portability.

**Next Meeting:** March 7, 2018, 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm